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California State Indian Museum to Host Annual Gathering of Honored Elders

HONORED ELDERS DAY

Where: *California State Indian Museum, 2618 K Street, Sacramento*

When: Saturday, June 2, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Special Events Admission: FREE

Normal admission fees apply to Museum entry only

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SACRAMENTO – Join us as we present our annual Gathering of Honored Elders. This is the day that the museum, the Sacramento Historic Sites Association, and the local Native American community devote to honoring the elders who keep the traditions, stories, languages, and cultures of Native California alive for the generations that follow them. The event will be held on Saturday, June 2nd, 2007, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. on the grounds of the California State Indian Museum at 2618 K Street. Admission to this family event is free. Regular \$2.00 adult admission will apply to museum entry. As always, children are admitted to the museum free when accompanied by an adult.

Guest speakers will honor the elders, as will California Indian dancers and the Governor's Proclamation of Honored Elders Day presentation. Native American community service groups will operate information booths. California Indian vendors will offer arts & crafts for sale, and Native arts and craft items will be raffled off throughout the day. Food will be available for sale.

About the California State Indian Museum

The California State Indian Museum is operated by California State Parks and supported by the Sacramento Historic Sites Association. Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for self-guided tours and school group visits, the museum is located in midtown Sacramento at 2618 K Street. The museum displays exhibits and artifacts illustrating the culture of the state's earliest inhabitants, from the traditions of ancestors to the contemporary Native artists. As many as 500,000 Native Americans, consisting of as many as 150 identified tribal groups speaking over sixty four different languages, lived in California before the first European arrival occurred.

Artifacts on display in the museum include basketry, beadwork, clothing, and exhibits about the ongoing traditions of various California Native American groups. Current exhibits include one showing the effects of the Gold Rush on California Indians. Open daily, the California State Indian

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